



Flathead Conservation District
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CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE: Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

Board members present: Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Pete Woll, Vice Chairman; Camisha Sawtelle, Secretary/Treasurer; Dean Sirucek, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Mark Boardman, FH Stoltze; Davar Gardner; Dave Ruby; Mike Gerrish; Jason Pohlman; Troy & Tracy Kienitz; Constanza von der Pahlen, Flathead Lakers.

MINUTES: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion "to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015, Personnel meeting as amended." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Camisha Sawtelle made a motion "to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015, Business meeting as presented." Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. DEQ & MWCC created a spreadsheet summarizing watershed funding opportunities.
2. Fall issue of Lower Musselshell CD newsletter "Conservation News"
3. DNRC Floodplain trainings November 3-5 in Glasgow & Helena
4. Rosebud CD Soil Health Workshop, December 2-3, Forsyth, at the Rosebud Treasure County Fairgrounds. Contact 406-346-7479
5. October issue of Cascade CD newsletter "Conservation Chronicle"
6. October issue of NACD "Forestry Notes"
7. Whitefish Planning Board will meet Thursday, November 19, 6:00 P.M., Whitefish City Council Chambers
8. MT FWP public hearing for the South Whitefish Range Conservation Project, Monday, November 9, 6:30 P.M., temporary Whitefish City Hall building, 1005 Baker Ave.
9. Law Seminars International conference "Buying & Selling Electric Power in the West", January 25-26, 2016, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle, WA. Contact 206-567-5058
10. Fall issue of "Nutrient Digest"
11. MSU 2015 Montana Cover Crop Survey results
12. October 28, 2015 issue of MACD "The Montana Conservationist"
13. Lake CD will host the 2016 Winter Grazing Seminar, February 2-3, in Missoula
14. November issue of McCone CD newsletter "Conservation E-News"

15. 319 grant applications for funding proposals under the Federal Clean Water Act are due 5:00 P.M., November 16. Contact Robert Ray, DEQ, 406-444-5319.
16. Montana Dept. of Agriculture is opening nominations for couples to attend the January 13-16 Young Ag Couples Conference, at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel, Helena. Contact Walt Anseth 406-444-5420 or Marty Earnheart 406-444-9126.
17. DNRC November 2015 Notes
18. MACD Convention notes

FINANCIAL: The following bills were reviewed:

1. Byte Savvy \$45.00
2. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
3. Montana Women in Timber \$378.89
4. Mountain States Leasing – Kalispell \$1545.56

John Ellis made a motion “to approve the bills as presented.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No one was present to comment on items not on the agenda.

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AT&T, FL2015029, Deerlick Creek, response: Mark Siderius reported a response was received showing where work had occurred, and he spoke with the engineering firm. The contracting firm for the DOT bridge replacement is doing work under a 124-permit. Discussion held. Mark Sideirus made a motion “to send a letter to Mrs. Wheeler stating the information provided to the district showed that the work was in compliance with the 310 rules. Other activities occurring on the project are permitted by other agencies.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BAILEY, FL2015064E, Trumbull Creek, notice of emergency: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, November 11, 8:45 A.M. at site.

BAILEY, FL2015071, Trumbull Creek, infiltration gallery: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to table until the next meeting.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BORTZ, FL2015068, Emmons Creek, bank stabilization/cistern/path/fence: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application as submitted per Dean Sirucek’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CREVIER, FL2015069, Mount Creek, bridge: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, November 16, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

DIXON, FL2015004, Whitefish River, unpermitted dock: John Ellis reported the landowner has put in a dock with 4 slips without a 310-permit. Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to refer this to the county attorney for appropriate action.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

GARDNER, FL2015070, Unnamed, bank stabilization/debris removal: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, November 17, 9:30 A.M. at the site.

HARDY, FL2015051, Stillwater River, bank stabilization/fill/debris removal: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to table pending further information.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HEINE, FL2015056, Unnamed, debris removal: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Dean Sirucek’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion failed.

Dean Sirucek made a motion “to table the application until the next meeting.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

J&S INVEST, FL2015058, Unnamed, withdrawn: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to withdraw the application per request of the applicant.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

KALBFLEISCH, FL2015028, Flathead River, permit extension request: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve a one-year permit extension.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

KIENITZ, FL2015067, Flathead River, culvert/excavation/fill: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, November 24, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

LIRA LLC, FL2015062, Whitefish River, dock/structure/retaining wall etc.: Discussion held. Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to approve the application as submitted. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYPORT HARBOR HOA, FL2015059, Flathead River, silt removal: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Pete Woll’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REESE, FL2015018, Garnier Creek, permit extension request: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve a one-year permit extension.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SIDERIUS, FL2015055, Ashley Creek, permit modification: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to send a letter rescinding the modification for additional gravels.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. *Mark Siderius abstained from voting.*

Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to send a copy of the permit and the letter to Karl Christians, DNRC.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VARDELL, FL2015065C, Whitefish River, complaint (re: permit FL2015042): Discussion held. Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to send a letter to Mr. Vardell firmly encouraging him to clean up the tree branches this fall.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WOLLNER, FL2015056, Flathead River, bank stabilization: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application as submitted per Ronald Buentemeier’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member report.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

310 APPLICATION & PERMIT PROCESS SHEET: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to accept the 310-Permit Process sheet with the addition of wording under #6 - before any work can be done.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Siderius made a motion “to send the 310 Permit Process sheet to Laurie Zeller, DNRC, for review prior to its enactment.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WATERSHED MGMT PROGRAM GRANT SPONSORSHIP: Constanza von der Pahlen, Flathead Lakers, made a request to the board to sponsor a DNRC watershed management grant in the amount of \$20,000 to work with Flathead River to Lake Initiative and River Steward Program partners to implement riparian restoration projects in the Flathead watershed. Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to sponsor the Flathead Lakers’ Watershed Management Program grant proposal.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BIG SKY WATERSHED CORPS AGREEMENT: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Big Sky Watershed Corps Program and FCD for hosting a 2016 Big Sky Watershed Corps AmeriCorps member.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Valerie Kurth will bring further information to the board regarding laptop computers to the business meeting.

BIG SKY WATERSHED CORPS PLANNING MEETING: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to authorize Dean Sirucek and Valerie Kurth to travel to Helena for the December 7th Big Sky Watershed Corps planning meeting.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously,

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

- SUPERVISOR ELECTION INFORMATION
- CONVENTION
- 2016 EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE
- WHITEFISH PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2015, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Siderius made a motion “to adjourn.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

11/23/2015 Ronald Buentemeier Chairman
(Date) (Signature) (Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)